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TAGS: PDIP, DR  
SUBJECT: DOMINICAN REACTION TO BICENTENNIAL

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1. THE DOMINICAN GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE, ALWAYS WARM TOWARD THE U.S., WERE ESPECIALLY RESPONSIVE ON THE OCCASION OF THE U.S. BICENTENNIAL. ON JULY 3, THE AMBASSADOR WAS INVITED TO ADDRESS A JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS DEDICATED TO THE BICENTENNIAL (REPORTEDLY THE FIRST SUCH SESSION HELD ON A SATURDAY), AFTER THE CONGRESS HAD PASSED AN ACT GIVING THE NAME OF THE U.S. TO A PROMINENT AVENUE, NOW BEING COMPLETED. ON JULY 4, PRESIDENT BALAGUER ATTENDED A TE DEUM SERVICE AT THE SANTO DOMINGO CATHEDRAL, AT WHICH THE DR'S NEW, AND ONLY, CARDINAL OFFICIATED; LAID A WREATH AT THE STATUE OF GEORGE WASHINGTON ON THE WATERFRONT; AND PAID A CONGRATULATORY CALL ON THE AMBASSADOR AT THE RESIDENCE. THE DOMINICAN NAVY SENT THE MINESWEEPER "PRESTOL" TO PARTICIPATE IN THE INTERNATIONAL NAVAL REVIEW AT NEW YORK. OUR DEFENSE ATTACHE ACCOMPANIED THE SHIP.

2. ROTARY CLUBS IN SANTO DOMINGO AND SANTIAGO ORGANIZED DINNERS COMMEMORATING THE BICENTENNIAL AND INVITED AMBASSADOR AND POLITICAL COUNSELOR TO SPEAK.

3. PRESS, RADIO AND TV GAVE WIDE COVERAGE TO BICENTENNIAL EVENTS IN DR AND U.S. ALL SIX SANTO DOMINGO DAILIES CARRIED BICENTENNIAL SUPPLEMENTS.

4. DOMINICAN ASSOCIATION WITH THE BICENTENNIAL WAS SO WARM AND  
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ENTHUSIASTIC THAT EVEN THE NEWSPAPERS NORMALLY MOST CRITICAL OF THE

U.S. LAUDED THE THEMES OF U.S. INDEPENDENCE. GOVERNMENT, THE MEDIA,  
DOMINICAN ORGANIZATIONS AND JUST PLAIN DOMINICANS SHARED THE HOLIDAY  
MOOD AND PARTICIPATED IN THE CELEBRATIONS. IT HAS CERTAINLY BEEN  
A HIGH POINT IN THE CEREMONIAL RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE TWO  
COUNTRIES AND IN DISPLAY OF DOMINICAN AFFECTION FOR AND APPRECIATION  
OF THE U.S.  
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